

CARR-1460
McGee Farm
Carrollton (vicinity)

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic McGee Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Reese Road

 not for publication

city, town Carrollton

X vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>X</u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u>X</u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u>X</u> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name M. Sterling Long

street & number Reese Road

telephone no.:

city, town

state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex

liber 177

street & number 55 North Court Street

folio 173

city, town Westminster

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

 federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The Magee Farm is located on the east side of Reese Road, approximately 1 mile north of Reese. The house is located about 100 feet north of a small stream. The site slopes generally from north to south toward the stream and consists of a log house, a frame bank barn, a frame shed that may be a hog pen, and a frame smokehouse. The house is a two-story, four-bay by one-bay, V-notched-corner log structure. It formerly had a gable roof with a north-south ridge, but the building has suffered from a fire, and the roof has collapsed. The west elevation on the first story has rough-casting. There are two central four-panel doors, and a window opening on either side of them. There was a one-story, four-bay porch on this elevation. The second story of the west elevation has vertical nailers with some clapboard attached. The property is vacant, and the house has suffered from several set fires. The owner is elderly and will not permit access to the buildings.

Contributing Resources: 2

The Magee Farm is located on the east side of Reese Road, approximately 1 mile north of Reese and approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile southwest of Carrollton. The house is located about 100 feet north of a small stream. The site slopes generally from north to south toward the stream and consists of a log house, a frame bank barn, a frame shed that may be a hog pen, and a frame smokehouse. The house is a two-story, four-bay by one-bay, V-notched-corner log structure. It formerly had a gable roof with a north-south ridge and standing-seam metal, but the building has suffered from a fire, and the roof has collapsed into the building. The west elevation on the first story has rough-casting on vertical lath that appears to be riven. There are two central four-panel doors, and a window opening on either side of them. There was a one-story, four-bay porch on this elevation, as there are four mortises in one of the logs for the porch joists. The log with the mortises is set above the rough-casting. There is no siding, whitewash or rough-casting on the logs where the porch roof covered them. This feature, in conjunction with the mortises in the log, suggest that the porch was an original feature. The logs are notched on top and bottom to accept the joist ends of the second story. The second story of the west elevation has vertical nailers with some clapboard attached. There is a window opening in each end bay. One rafter foot appears to be notched and tapered to lap over the top log. There is an interior brick chimney on the north end, and the remains of a small interior brick chimney on the south end.

The north elevation has clapboard on vertical nailers and corner boards. There are no openings. The south elevation has vertical nailers and one central window opening on both the first and second stories. This opening is at least partially blocked by the brick chimney,

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which must be a later addition. The east elevation was not entirely accessible, but appears to have a window in the south bay and a door in the north bay on the first story. There is no evidence of an interior log wall partition.

About 10 to 15 feet east of the house is a large brick fireplace with a splayed-brick jack arch. The chimney is now gone. It is not possible to tell whether this was part of an addition to the rear of the log house or an entirely separate building.

About 50 feet north of the house is a frame structure that is probably a hog pen. It has vertical-board siding and a gable roof with a north-south ridge and inverted V-seam-metal roofing. There is an opening on the west elevation and no openings on the north elevation. A low wall runs east-west from the southwest corner. The building is quite overgrown.

About 20 feet south of the house is a smokehouse. It is a one-story, one-bay square clapboard structure with corner boards and a hip roof of standing-seam metal. It appears that the peak of the hip has a wood box. There is a door on the north elevation.

Approximately 150 feet northeast of the house is a bank barn with a south-facing forebay and a gable roof with a ridge that runs east-west. It has vertical boards on the upper story and appears to have battens on them, as well. The property is vacant, and the house has suffered from several set fires. The owner is elderly and will not permit access to the buildings because he sees no benefit in it for himself.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870;

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes: Agriculture, Architecture

Resource Types: Small family farm, Rural vernacular

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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1862, 1877, 1917 maps

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 32.21 acres

Quadrangle name Westminster

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Westminster

state MD

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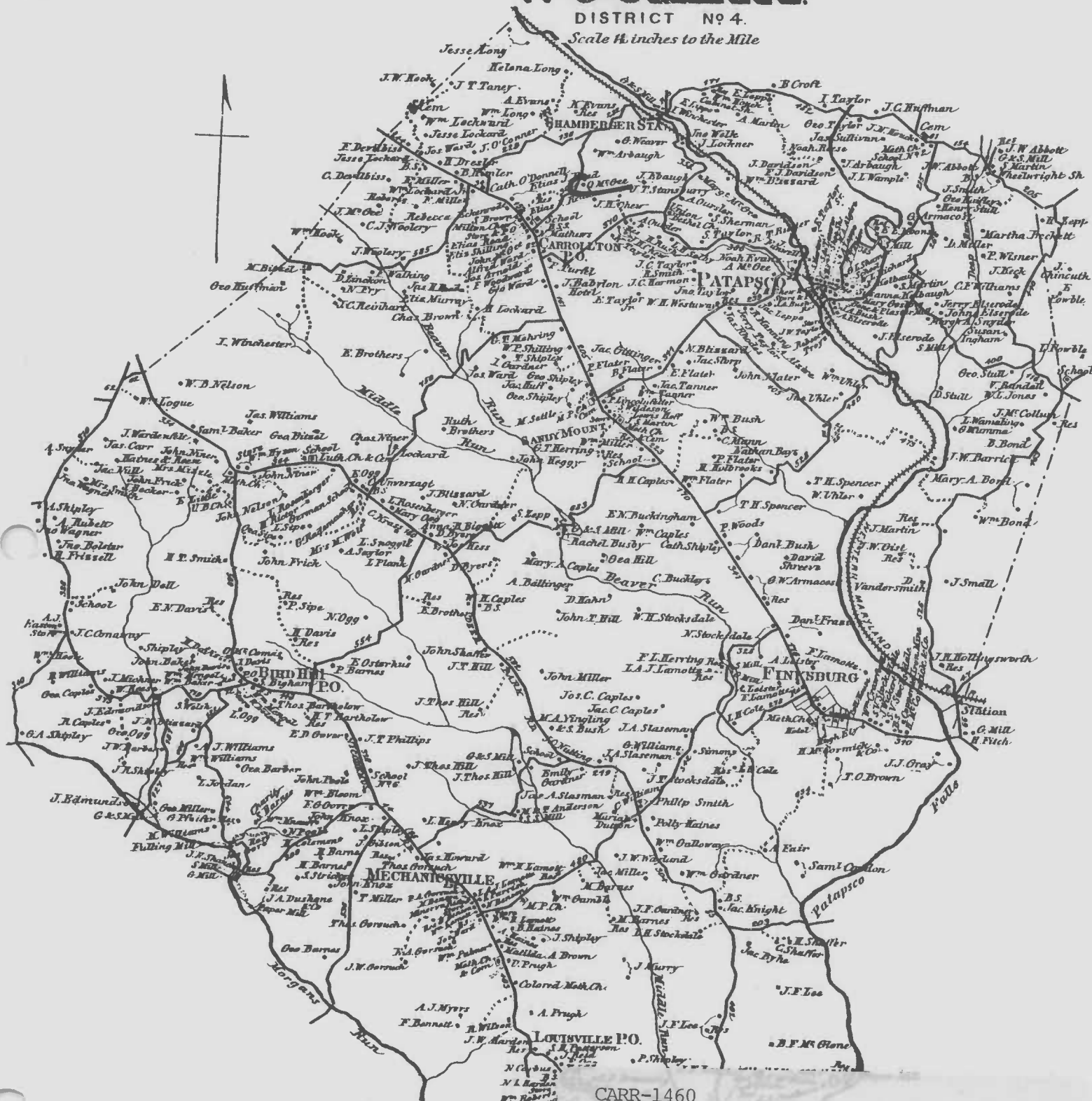


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


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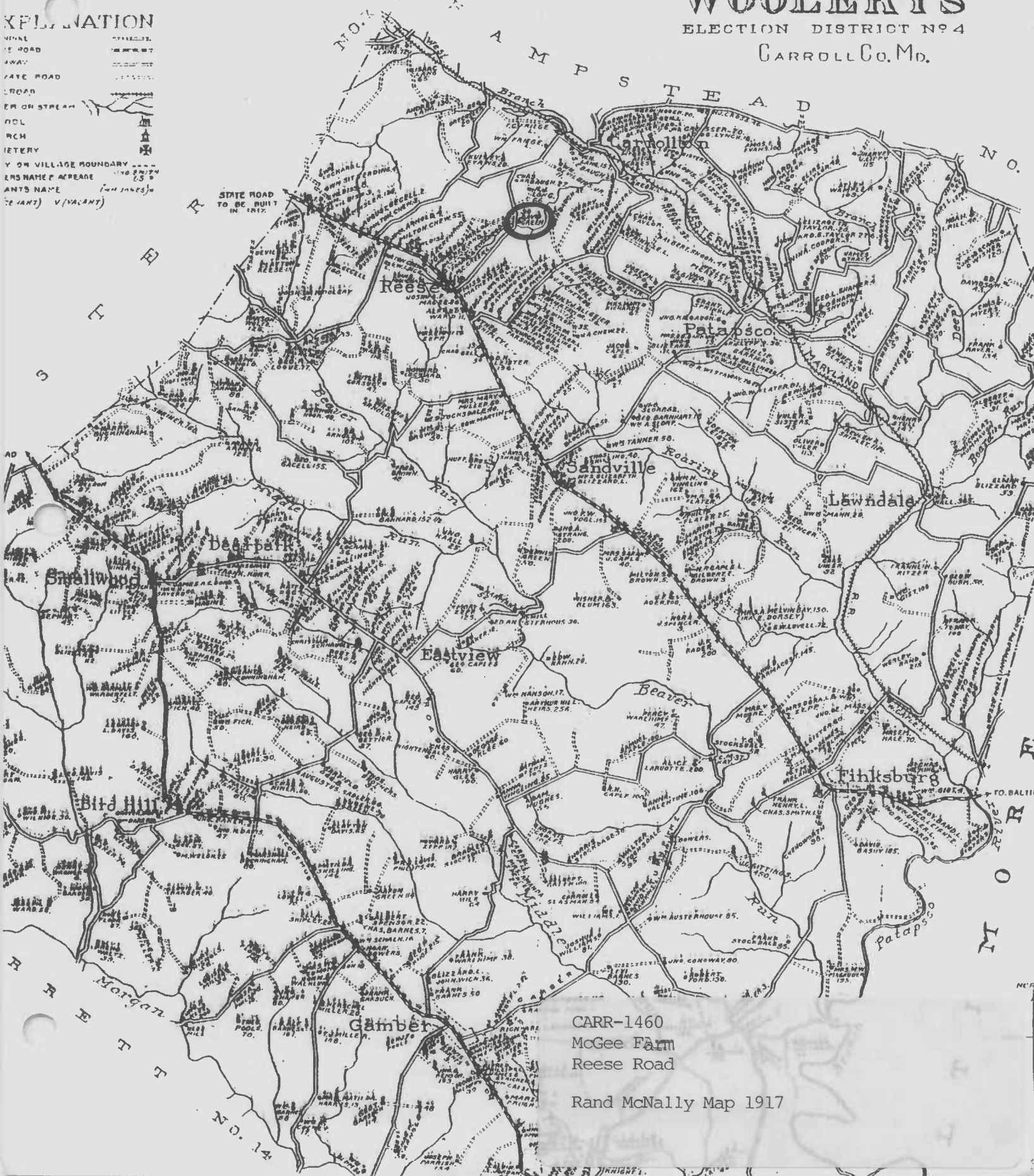


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Lake, Griffin & Stevenson Atlas, 1877

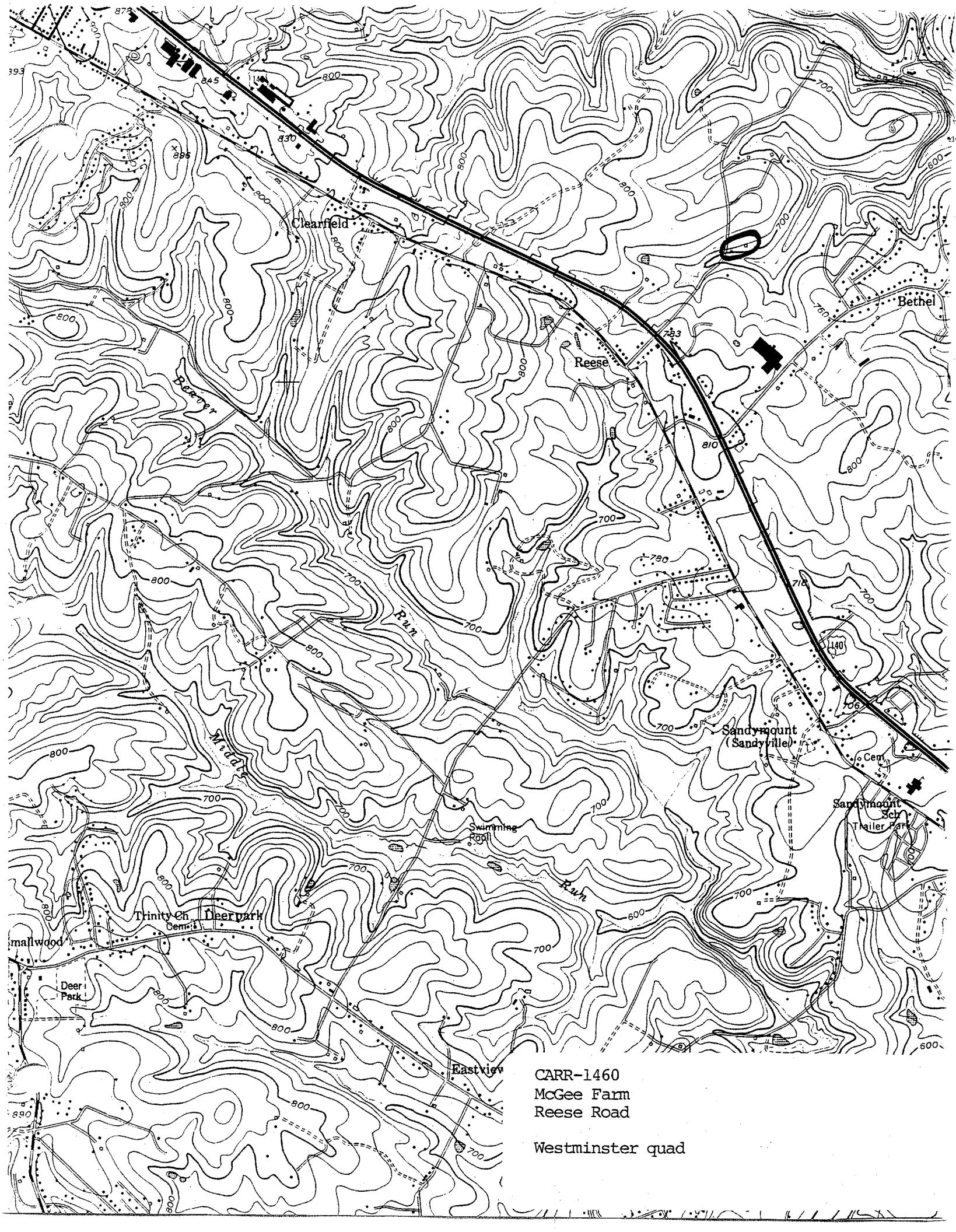
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Rand McNally Map 1917



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McGee Farm
Reese Road

Westminster quad



McGee Farm
Reese Rd.

Carroll County, Maryland

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house - W. & S. elevs.

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McGee Farm
Reese Rd.

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